

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

001/008

MAY 21 2007

571-273-8300 CENTRAL FAX

PTO/SB/07 (26-03)

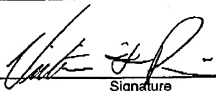
Approved for use through 07/31/2008, OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office

on May 21, 2007
Date
Signature

Victoria F. Price

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

In re Application of: Hoyos et al.
Serial No: 10/589,997
Filing Date: August 17, 2008
Title: Double-Jointed Bit For HorsesDocket No.: 100143.00029
Confirmation No.: 7088
Art Unit: 3672

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

ATTACHED HERETO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Information Disclosure Statement | (2 pages) |
| 2. Form PTO/SB/08B | (1 page) |
| 3. Copies of References | (4 pages) |

Total Number of Pages Transmitted Including coversheet: 7

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.8. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.8 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1460, Alexandria, VA 22313-1460. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-0198 and select option 2.

#6416768

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is facsimile transmitted to: Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Facsimile No. 571-273-8300.

Date: May 21, 2007

Name: Victoria Price

Signature: **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
MAY 21 2007

In re Application: Hoyos et al.

Serial No.: 10/589,997

Filing Date: August 17, 2006

For: Double-Jointed Bit For Horses

Confirmation No.: 7088

Group Art Unit: 3672

Docket No.: 100143.00029

Customer No.: 21832

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the materials listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. This Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be filed prior to the mailing date of a First Office Action regarding the above-referenced application. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be required. Pursuant to the waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003, a copy of the U.S. Patent reference set forth and cited on form PTO/SB/08 is not enclosed herewith. A copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability as set forth and cited on form PTO/SB/08 is enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO/SB/08 with initials or other appropriate marks.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made; an admission

Serial No. TBA

Atty. Docket No. 100143.00005

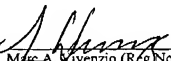
that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b); or an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, prior art.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, or otherwise if necessary to cover any deficiency in fees already paid, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-3569.

Dated: 5-21-07

Respectfully submitted,

By:


Marc A. Wivenzio (Reg. No. 52,326)
Attorney for Applicants

PTO Correspondence Address:

McCarter & English LLP
CityPlace I
185 Asylum Street
Hartford, CT 06103
(860) 275-6719 - Phone
(860) 724-3397 - Fax

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAY 21 2007

PTO/SB/085 (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2005. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Application Number	10/589,997
		Filing Date	01/15/2005
		First Named Inventor	Hoyos et al.
		Art Unit	3672
		Examiner Name	Sharon Latimer
Sheet 1	of 1	Attorney Docket Number	100143.00029

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (Invent)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear

	1.	US-	782,020 A	02/07/1905	Fitz Gibbons, John	
	2.	US-				
	3.	US-				
	4.	US-				
	5.	US-				
	6.	US-				
	7.	US-				
	8.	US-				
	9.	US-				
	10.	US-				
	11.	US-				
	12.	US-				
	13.	US-				
	14.	US-				
	15.	US-				
	16.	US-				
	17.	US-				
	18.	US-				
	19.	US-				
	20.					
	21.					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ² Number-Kind Code ³ (Patent)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Ts
	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
		International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/DE2005/000050, filed January 15, 2005.	

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /STN/

Examiner Signature	/Son T. Nguyen/	Date Considered	09/03/2008
--------------------	-----------------	-----------------	------------

MEL 639893v.1